
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5248

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF UREA-FORMALDEHYDE INSULATION.

SUMMARY:

This bill replaces a broad definition of urea-formaldehyde foamed-in-place insulation (UFFI), which is banned under current law, with a narrower definition. It limits the ban to cellular plastic insulation material generated in a continuous stream by mixing urea-formaldehyde resin, air, and a foaming agent. The current ban applies to any cellular plastic thermal material, irrespective of how generated, that contains chemical formaldehyde, formaldehyde polymers or derivatives, or other chemicals that can release formaldehyde. It does not include urethane foam insulation or styrene foam insulation, which is also exempt under the bill.

By law, a first violation is punishable by a fine of up to \$500 and a subsequent violation by a fine of up to \$1,000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2012

BACKGROUND

Urea Formaldehyde Foamed-in-Place Insulation

UFFI consists of urea, formaldehyde, and a surfactant or foaming agent. At an installation site, the urea-formaldehyde resin and foaming agent are combined with air. It is then injected inside the walls, where it hardens and acts as insulation.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 21 Nay 0 (03/01/2012)